

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-33 were pending in the Application. Applicant amends Claims 1, 7, 11, 16-17, 23, 30, and 33 and cancels Claims 21 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments and cancellations to these claims are not the result of any prior art reference and, thus, do not narrow the scope of any of the claims. Furthermore, the amendments are not related to patentability issues and only further clarify subject matter already present. All of Applicant's amendments have only been done in order to advance prosecution in this case. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 21 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (See Pending Office Action, p. 14.) Applicant has elected to amend the other claims such that all of the pending claims are now allowable.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20, 22-24, 26-27, 29-31, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,618,397 issued to Huang (hereinafter "*Huang*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,385 issued to Yamaji (hereinafter "*Yamaji*"). The Examiner also rejects Claims 5, 15, 19, 25, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Huang* in view of *Yamaji* and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0025321 issued to Tang et al. (hereinafter "*Tang*"). These rejections are now moot in light of the amendments made to the claims. The Examiner should not construe any such amendments as an acquiescence to, or an agreement with, the Examiner's contentions. Applicant has only made such amendments in order to expedite the prosecution of this case. Applicant expressly reserves the right to comment on these amendments at a future time should Applicant deem it appropriate to do so.

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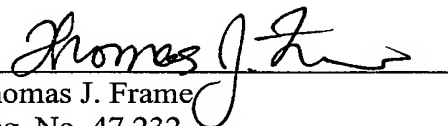
CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for all other reasons clear and apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes that no fees are due. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Thomas J. Frame at 214.953.6675.

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